



TOOWOOMBA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

MOUNTAINEERS

Junior Representative Player & Parent Handbook

2026/27 SEASON





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1. Welcome to the Mountaineers

Congratulations on selection in the Toowoomba Mountaineers Junior Representative Program. Representing Toowoomba is both an opportunity and a responsibility. The program is designed to develop basketball skill, decision-making, resilience, teamwork, discipline and pride in representing our region.

This handbook explains the structure of the program and the expectations applying to players, parents/guardians, coaches and team staff. Families should read it carefully before accepting a team position. Participation requires a significant commitment of time, effort and financial resources.

Where a matter is not covered by this handbook, it will be referred to the appropriate TBA staff member or Management Committee delegate.

2. The Junior Representative Program

The Mountaineers Junior Representative Program provides a pathway for selected athletes to compete in Basketball Queensland representative competitions and develop toward higher levels of basketball.

- Provide a positive, challenging and development-focused representative environment.
- Develop technically skilled and tactically aware players.
- Promote teamwork, discipline, resilience and respect.
- Develop coaches, officials and team staff alongside athletes.
- Provide a pathway from junior representative basketball into senior Mountaineers and higher-performance opportunities.

3. Selection and Acceptance

Selection may consider skill, athletic ability, basketball understanding, attitude, coachability, commitment, team balance and potential for development. Selection in a previous season does not guarantee future selection.

3.1 Acceptance Requirements

- Accept the team offer within the timeframe advised by TBA.
- Complete required Basketball Connect registration and TBA documentation.
- Complete Player and Parent/Guardian Declarations.
- Provide medical and emergency information.
- Complete photography/video/media consent.
- Meet required fee or payment-plan deadlines.



4. Player Eligibility and Commitment

Players must satisfy Basketball Queensland eligibility requirements for the relevant competition and age group. Eligibility rules are governed by BQ competition regulations and may change from season to season.

Be available for scheduled SQJBC games, grading, finals and State Championships where applicable.

- Advise the coach/team manager promptly of injury, illness or unavoidable absence.
- Understand the commitment before accepting a team position.
- Comply with any BQ rules governing player movement between teams.

5. Training and Player Development

Representative players are expected to attend scheduled team training and participate fully in the development program. The usual program provides approximately two team training sessions per week, subject to age group, venue availability and season scheduling. [TEAM MANAGEMENT TO CONFIRM]

- Arrive on time and ready to train.
- Bring required equipment, water and appropriate training attire.
- Advise the coach in advance if unable to attend.
- Respond positively to coaching and feedback.
- Support teammates and contribute to a safe training environment.

6. SQJBC and State Championships

Mountaineers teams participate in the South Queensland Junior Basketball Competition (SQJBC), including grading and scheduled rounds, and may participate in Basketball Queensland State Championships. Competition formats, dates and conditions are determined by Basketball Queensland.



SQJBC 2026/2027 Calendar

Dates	U18's	U16's	U14's	U12's
Grading Weekend 1	Jul 25 – 26	Oct 24 – 25	Feb 20 – 21	May 15 – 16
Grading Weekend 2	Aug 1 – 2	Nov 7 – 8	Feb 27 – 28	May 22 – 23
Grading Weekend 3	Aug 8 – 9	Nov 14 – 15	Mar 6 – 7	May 29 – 30
Grading Weekend 4	Aug 22 – 23	Nov 21 – 22	Mar 13 – 14	Jun 5 – 6
Grading Weekend 5	Aug 29 – 30		Mar 20 – 21	Jun 12 – 13
Week 1	Sept 6	Nov 29	Apr 18	Jun 20
Week 2	Sept 13	Dec 6	Apr 25	Jul 17 – 18*
Week 3	Oct 11	Jan 30 – 31*	May 1 – 2*	Jul 25
Week 4 / 5 / MSC	Oct 25	Feb 6 – 7 (MSC)	May 8 – 9 (MSC)	Jul 31 – Aug 1 (MSC)
Week 4 / 5 / MSC	Oct 31 – Nov 1 (MSC)	Feb 14	May 16	Aug 8
Week 6	Nov 8 (Week 5)	Feb 21	May 30	Aug 15
Week 7	Nov 15 (Week 6)	Feb 28	Jun 6	Aug 22
Week 8	Nov 21-22* (Week 7/8)	Mar 7	Jun 13	Aug 29
Week 9	Nov 29	Mar 14	Jun 20	Sep 5
Semi Finals	Dec 5	Mar 20	Jun 26	Sep 11
Grand Finals	Dec 6	Mar 21	Jun 27	Sep 12
State Championships Boys	Jan 6 – 10 2027	Apr 1 – 4	Jul 7 – 10	Sep 22/23 – 27
State Championships Girls	Jan 6 – 10 2027	Apr 7 – 10	Jul 1 – 4	Sep 22/23 – 27

* Super Carnival Round (Super Carnival Round combines 2 x Weeks together)

Grading = 5 Weeks; Regular Season = 9 Weeks

(MSC) = Mid Season Challenge



State Championships are an important component of the representative program. Travel, accommodation and personal meal costs may be additional to the TBA representative fee unless expressly stated otherwise.

7. Team Structure and Communication

Each team will ordinarily have a Head Coach, Assistant Coach where appointed, and Team Manager. The Team Manager is the first point of contact for routine team logistics. Significant complaints, safeguarding or integrity matters must follow TBA/BQ processes rather than being managed through team chat groups.

- Head Coach: basketball preparation, player development and game-day coaching.
- Assistant Coach: supports the Head Coach and team program.
- Team Manager: communication, logistics and team administration.
- Parents should use the nominated communication channel and avoid unofficial parallel channels.

8. Uniforms and Equipment

Players must wear the approved Mountaineers uniform and apparel required for the relevant competition. Uniform requirements will be communicated before the season and may include playing uniform, training apparel and other designated team items. Please download the **uniform order form** from the TBA website and submit to Natasha Heffernan, email: uniforms@toowoombamountaineers.com.au

The uniform room (located across from stadium toilets) is available to try-on sizes. Please email Natasha for a time.

- Players are responsible for maintaining uniforms in good condition.
- Only approved Mountaineers playing uniform may be worn in competition.
- Uniform sizing/check sessions may be conducted before the season.
- Replacement or optional apparel may incur additional charges.
- BQ logo/uniform transition requirements will be implemented in accordance with BQ timelines and TBA policy.

9. Fees and Financial Commitments

TBA representative fees are established to recover the genuine costs of delivering the program. Fees may include Basketball Queensland competition charges, grading and game fees, State Championship charges, training venue hire, coaching support, team administration, equipment and home-round costs.

Representative fees are not calculated simply on a per-game basis. Many costs are committed by TBA when a player accepts a team position. Any withdrawal, credit or refund request will be assessed against costs already incurred or committed, applicable BQ charges, government voucher conditions and TBA policy. TBA WILL ADVISE THE REPRESENTATIVE FEE IN THE COMING WEEKS.



10. Travel and Accommodation

Families are responsible for ensuring players arrive at games and events on time. For away rounds and State Championships, families may be responsible for transport, accommodation and meals unless TBA advises that particular costs are included.

- Team travel arrangements must prioritise player safety.
- Players must follow team curfews, supervision and behaviour expectations while travelling.

11. Game Day Expectations

Representative basketball is a competitive development environment. Equal court time is not guaranteed. Coaches make playing-time decisions based on game circumstances, team needs, training commitment, player development and other relevant factors. Concerns should be raised through the appropriate communication process and not during or immediately after games.

- Arrive at the time specified by coach/Team Manager.
- Wear the correct Mountaineers uniform.
- Bring required equipment and water.
- Respect teammates, opponents, coaches, referees, scorebench personnel and venue staff.
- Parents may be rostered for scorebench/team duties.
- Only authorised team staff should approach referees regarding game administration.

12. Behaviour, Child Safety and Integrity

TBA is committed to providing a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for children and young people. All participants must comply with applicable TBA, Basketball Queensland and Basketball Australia child-safeguarding, integrity, member-protection and behaviour requirements.

- Bullying, harassment, discrimination, intimidation and abusive behaviour are not acceptable.
- Adults must maintain appropriate professional boundaries with children.
- Child-safety concerns must be reported promptly through the appropriate TBA/BQ process.
- Photography/video must comply with consent and safeguarding requirements.
- Social media and electronic communication must be respectful and appropriate.

13. Parent and Player Responsibilities

Players and families are expected to represent TBA and the Mountaineers with pride, respect and good sportsmanship, support training and game commitments, follow agreed communication pathways and maintain current contact, medical and emergency information.



13.1 Players

- Attend and participate in training and games.
- Follow reasonable directions from coaches/team staff.
- Respect officials and accept decisions without abuse or dissent.
- Care for uniforms and equipment.
- Tell an appropriate adult if they feel unsafe or concerned.

13.2 Parents/Guardians

- Support the player's commitment.
- Model respectful behaviour.
- Do not coach from the sideline or approach referees.
- Use agreed communication pathways.
- Complete rostered scorebench/team duties.
- Meet agreed financial commitments or contact TBA early if assistance is required.

14. Contacts, FAQs and Acceptance Requirements

The forms at the end of this handbook must be completed as directed by TBA before participation is finalised.

Area	Contact
Junior Mountaineers enquiries	Ash Peters – Junior Mountaineers Contact Board1@toowoombabasketball.com.au
Competitions / basketball operations	Josh Allen – Competitions Manager / Association Coach competitions@toowoombabasketball.com.au
Uniforms	Natasha Heffernan – Uniform Coordinator uniforms@toowoombabasketball.com.au
Finance	Leonie Jones – Treasurer treasurer@toowoombabasketball.com.au
President	Liz Fiveash president@toowoombabasketball.com.au
Integrity / Child Safety	Janelle Trenaman – Secretary secretary@toowoombabasketball.com.au

14.1 Required Acceptance Forms

- Form A – Player & Parent/Guardian Declaration & Acceptance (online form)
- Form B – Player Medical Information & Emergency Treatment Consent
- Form C – Photography, Video & Media Consent



FORM B – PLAYER MEDICAL INFORMATION & EMERGENCY TREATMENT CONSENT

Player Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Gender (optional) _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Number _____

Other Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Contact Number _____

Home Address _____

Medicare Number (optional) _____

Private Health Fund (optional) _____

Doctor / Medical Practice _____

Doctor Phone _____

Medical Information

Allergies _____

Medications _____

Medical conditions / injuries _____

Dietary requirements _____

Other information relevant to safe participation _____

Emergency Treatment Consent: I authorise TBA team staff, where I cannot be contacted and urgent treatment is reasonably required, to seek appropriate first aid, ambulance or medical treatment for the player. I understand that reasonable attempts will be made to contact me as soon as practicable.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____



FORM C – PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO & MEDIA CONSENT

TBA may photograph or record representative activities for legitimate basketball, promotional, historical, educational or communication purposes. Consent is voluntary and may be subject to TBA child-safeguarding and privacy requirements.

- ☐ YES – I consent to appropriate photographs/video of the player being used by TBA for approved purposes.
- ☐ NO – I do not consent to photographs/video of the player being used for promotional or public-facing purposes.

TBA will take reasonable steps to record and respect the consent choice. Images must not be used in a manner inconsistent with child-safeguarding, privacy or integrity requirements.

Player Full Name _____

Parent/Guardian Full Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

TBA Administration Use

Forms received by _____

Date received _____

Notes _____